

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 CEDAR RAPIDS, LINN COUNTY, IOWA
 TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 9:00 A.M.

The Board met in session at the Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center. Present: Chairperson Running-Marquardt, Vice Chairperson Scheetz and Supervisor Meisheid. Board members voting “AYE” unless otherwise noted.

Chairperson Running-Marquardt called the meeting to order.

The Board heard updates from the following Department Heads:

Brad Ketels, County Engineer – working on improvement of GAPM metrics including developing action items; budget overview with an expectation of a carryover into the next fiscal year; Headquarters update with no set move in date; one personnel vacancy; construction project updates including Matsell Park Road Bridge, Rosedale Road Bridge, Covington Road Bridge, and Subdivision Asphalt Paving (FEMA funded); bridge inspections are scheduled to occur later this year; crews made significant progress improving the gravel road network; provided rock overlay data and upcoming seal coating operations.

Supervisor Meisheid discussed concerns she received from a citizen regarding speeding on Rosedale Road.

Sara Bearrows, Finance Dir. – fully staffed; department budget is under budget depending on ARPA/General Fund time allocation; overview on rules surrounding ARPA fund reallocations; FY26 audit coming up next month; update on FY27 appropriations and upcoming important dates; upcoming meeting with UCC (Urban County Coalition) group regarding new property tax legislation; working on a Board of Supervisors Manual and a contract checklist with Civil and Purchasing departments.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt offered to send out reminders to departments regarding the upcoming audit. She then thanked Bearrows for her leadership across the state by questioning the DOM regarding the new property tax bill and the impacts that counties could feel from unintended consequences.

Darrin Gage, Dir. of Policy & Admin. – budget overview with note of variance in a couple line items with offsets in place; upcoming vacancy that is a new position; discussed policies that are in the works; I.T. requesting an AI policy and Copilot licenses with a policy around that; reviewing Secondary Road policies at their request; staff is working with outside counsel on new Supervisor onboarding; upcoming Sunshine Laws Training on July 7th; Capital Improvement Projects update; discussed the sales of the Walford Road Secondary Roads shop and the Fillmore Building.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt expressed her sincere appreciation to Gage for his work with the various Supervisors and how he finds the balance to work with them amongst his day-to-day work. She feels he has truly led them through many literal storms, disasters, and large projects. Running-Marquardt couldn’t be happier or prouder to work with him and she appreciates the work he does on behalf of the people of Linn County.

The Board recessed at 9:42 a.m. and reconvened at 9:48 a.m.

The Board canvassed votes from the June 2, 2026 Primary Election.

Matt Warfield, Deputy Commissioner of Elections, stated there were 29,762 ballots cast or 18.77% of registered voters. Two provisional ballots were cast and rejected, and 15 late absentee ballots were received, of which 2 were accepted. The ASVP (Absentee and Special Voter Precinct) Board reconvened yesterday to review the absentee ballots and perform the post-election audit. The post-election audit (hand count) was held for Pct. CR36 (Cedar Rapids Downtown Library).

Nominee Certification – Linn County, Iowa (Prepared per Code of Iowa Section 43.55).
 Election Name: Primary Election; Election Date: June 2, 2026

Nominees to appear on the General Election Ballot for Linn County Offices are listed below:

Democratic Party	
Office/Name	
Board of Supervisors District 1	Kirsten Running-Marquardt
Board of Supervisors District 2	Sami Scheetz
County Treasurer	Brent C. Oleson
County Recorder	Carolyn Siebrecht
County Attorney	Nicholas G. Maybanks
Republican Party	
Office/Name	
Board of Supervisors District 2	Rex W. Meyer

Linn County Offices for which there is not a nominee are listed below.

Republican Party

- Board of Supervisors District 1
- County Treasurer
- County Recorder
- County Attorney

Deputy Warfield expressed his appreciation to the approximate 400 people that assisted in the Election – from poll workers to those handling mail and phone calls. He acknowledged this cannot be done without their help. It is genuinely a community effort and he appreciates everyone that signs up every year.

Supervisor Running-Marquardt thanked the people who stepped up to make sure the fabric of the democracy is held together. She also thanked the poll locations, noting she knows some of them have to make accommodations to make sure Linn County has polling sites that are geographically diverse.

Todd Taylor, Auditor, echoed their appreciation. He feels very confident that his team accurately and thoroughly delivered the voice of the people.

Supervisor Meisheid shared an interaction she had with poll workers at her precinct noting how professionally they handled an issue that arose. She was very impressed by their nature.

Adjournment at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TODD E. TAYLOR, Linn County Auditor
By: Ana Brunscheen, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

KIRSTEN RUNNING-MARQUARDT, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors